



Dear members,

Hope you all had a good break over Easter holiday period. Since our last newsletter, your executive committee has made excellent progress with the agenda.

*Guess what? **Rajat Gupta** of McKinsey fame (probably the most successful IITian) is expected here in Australia during October to support IITAA in building the IIT brand equity. This is over and above the scheduled visit of Arjun Malhotra later this year. Thanks to Global Pan IIT and efforts of our president Davender Jain.*

We will be publishing the profile of our members in our newsletter and so you are requested to please send your profile to us. Also we would welcome articles, stories, view points from you or your family members for publication in our newsletter. ...together we can make it more interesting.

We had some very encouraging comments for our last two newsletters and we are delighted with their comments. Hope you like this issue of the newsletter. We look forward to your valuable comments and support.

*With best wishes,
IITAA Team*

IITAA Seminar on 24 May – sponsored by ACS

Join us for the seminar on 24th May from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, Level 1, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney (between Park and Bathurst Streets) – venue provided by Australian Computer Society.

Dr Megan Clark, **Vice President Technology, BHP-Billiton** will be briefing us about the Strategic Technology Alliances with IIT Madras during the recent visit of John Howard to India.

Mr. Kumar Parkala, **Global COO – Information Risk Management, KPMG** & National Vice President, Australian Computer Society will speak on Information Risk Management - a Global perspective.

Highlights of this issue

- IITAA Seminar on 24th May
- IITAA Picnic on 28th May
- Global Pan IIT Update
- Australian Universities/Industry queuing up for IITs
- IITians into nation building
- Sky-rocketing salaries at IITs
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- Committee members' details and global alumni chapters

Get a feel of what real
INDIA is at ABC News
(USA)

Read the complete story at

<http://abcnews.go.com/Video/playerIndex?id=1674437>

*This was sent to us by Sushil Chaddha
of IIT Delhi*



IITAA Picnic site at Olympic Park, Homebush

IITAA Picnic on 28 May – at Olympic park

You are cordially invited to Picnic - our social event of the year!

Date **28/05/2006** (SUNDAY)

Time 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Venue: Bi-Centennial Park, Sydney Olympic Park

Entrance from **Australia Avenue**, Parking Area **P10A**

More details will follow closer to the event.

Please let fellow IITians know about this family event.

RSVP and questions to Sushil Chaddha on Mob: 0414630457 or email at chaddha@optusnet.com.au

Global Pan IIT Update

The last working group meeting of Global pan IIT was held on Thursday 13th April where following representatives participated:

Davender Jain IIT KGP, President, IIT Alumni Australia	Sanjeev Sinha IITK , President PanIIT Japan
Rabiz Foda IITB 73 , Vice President (IFI) IIT Alumni Canada	Raj Shah IITB , PanIIT- US
Ujjal Mondal IITKGP 68 , Director IIT Alumni Canada	Suresh Shenoy IITB, Co-president PanIIT-US
Sharad Tripathi , PanIIT Europe (EU)	Hiten Ghosh IITKGP 58 , Co-president PanIIT US
Pradeep Gupta IITD , President PanIIT India	

Global Pan IIT is working on Global sponsorship support and seed funding from PanIIT US to leverage global conference and the PanIIT2007 conference as well as other regional conferences to sign up global sponsors.

Suresh Shenoy shared landmark results of meeting with Minister Kapil Sibal, Mr. Sam Pitroda and several senior officials of the Ministry of Science and Technology over three days capped by the small group meeting held at IMC in Reston and dinner at the Hidden Creek Country Club with 200 people in attendance. Mr. Sibal officially announced the following FIVE initiatives:

- 1) The adoption of **PiTech** magazine as an important vehicle to publish research at the IITs and by IITians. (Secy. Bhan indicated separately that this will be funded @\$100,000 per year by the Ministry for two years for a total commitment of \$200,000.00. The money must be spent in India)
- 2) Ministry of Science will create and fund Centers of Excellence in various fields such as Rural Technologies, energy, water etc. with a mentorship program to be worked out with Pan IIT alumni (Dr. Bhan indicated this could be over Rs. 1 Crore per IIT plus a separate fund of Rs. 10 lakh per IIT to cover costs for travel etc.)
- 3) The Ministry will create an Innovation Fund to be invested anywhere in the world to cooperatively work with PanIIT Alumni for developing technologies that benefit rural India. (The funding for this could be up to Rs. 50 Crore. Focus is to be on rural technologies that will penetrate at least 20% of India's rural households.)
- 4) Creation of small "advisory groups" to explore technology solutions for challenges faced by India.
- 5) Sign a MOU between the Ministry of Science and Technology and PanIIT to cover all of the above.



Australian Universities / Industry queuing up for IITs

1. IIT Madras and QUT sign up MoU

Indian Institute of Technology and the Queensland University of Technology, Australia signed a MoU for technical and academic collaboration in the fields of information security systems during recent visit of John Howard to India. <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/1442686.cms>

2. UNSW has also signed a MoU with IIT Mumbai

http://www.unsw.edu.au/news/pad/articles/2006/mar/India_MoU_Mumbai.html

3. BHP Billiton, Monash University and IIT Mumbai (a tripartite MoU) for setting up a research centre

<http://www.thehindu.com/2006/03/08/stories/2006030804621600.htm>

<http://www.planetpowai.com/news%5C12032006007.html>

Membership Renewal

Have you renewed your membership?

If not, please do so asap.

You can check the status of your membership by calling Vivek Sheel on mob: 0413459253

Your support and co-operation is crucial to us.

Further details at
www.iitaa.org.au/iitaa/join_iitaa.htm

Did you know that IIT Kharagpur is starting a Medical school – MBBS course and a Law School?

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IIT Kharagpur plans medical school by 2009 ...the first such venture by any technology school in the country.

http://www.hindustantimes.com/news/5922_1656980,008700010014.htm

<http://news.moneycontrol.com/india/news/business/iitkharagpur/iitkharagpur/planstooffermbbs/market/stocks/article/207413>

IIT Kharagpur is flagging off its first two law courses this July in affiliation with the Washington School of Law

<http://cities.expressindia.com/fullstory.php?newsid=178221>

IITians into nation-building

Manmohan Singh PM of India has appointed A. Sen Noble Prize Winner and **an IITian (Rajat Gupta)** to re-haul India's medical system particularly in child care system.

Rajat and others have already collected Rs220cr including donations from Bill Gates foundation, to set up 5 training schools to train 10,000 child care professional to provide basic medical facilities to children in rural areas.

Salaries to IIT graduates are sky-rocketing

Two foreign companies, oil giants Schlumberger and Shell, have visited the campus this time and have offered annual salaries to the tune of \$80,000.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/1403456.cms>

Global consulting firms woo IIT graduates

The main reason for the steep hike in salaries is the presence of global consulting firms, which are desperately hiring graduates from top IITs, mainly from IIT-Mumbai and IIT-Kharagpur.

<http://www.ndtvprofit.com/homepage/storybusinessnew.asp?template=&whichstory=n&id=30209>



Meet Your Committee Member – Mr. Davender Jain, President, IITAA

Davender Jain, currently President of IITAA, has a B.Tech from Indian Institute of Technology in Mechanical Engineering and a Masters in Management from Columbia University, New York, USA. He held a University Fellowship and in his year, he was awarded Citation of Columbia University for being an outstanding graduate student. He is a Fellow of Australian Institute of Management.



He has held several important positions during last 25 years of his career, incl. General Manager of Punjab Markfed in India (annual turnover of \$1bn), Chief Monitoring Coordinator with World Bank for their projects in Nigeria and UNDP Advisor in Ghana. In Australia since 1992, he worked for Parliamentary Regulation Review Committee in NSW as a Specialist and then as Head of Investment Appraisal Centre of Excellence with Rail Infrastructure Corporation in Sydney. Currently he is CEO of EZE Solutions Pty Ltd, Project Planning and Management Consultants in Sydney.

Advertising Opportunity

If you or your family members provide any service that could be used by our members and if you would like advertise that in IITAA Newsletter / Website, please let us know. The newsletter is sent to over 150 members.

Sizes/Categories of Advertisements

The main sizes/categories of the advertisements in IITAA Newsletters and respective charges are set at present as follows:

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| 1. | Full Page advertisement | \$ 500 per issue |
| 2. | Half Page advertisement | \$ 300 per issue |
| 3. | Quarter Page advertisement | \$ 150 per issue |

A Life Member of the IITAA is entitled to place free of charge one Quarter Page advertisement in all Newsletters published in a period of twelve (12) months. The period cannot be broken and cannot be carried over.

The advertiser shall ensure that the proposed advertisement is not offensive and is not intended to be offensive to the general community or any member of the community and shall provide the proposed advertisement in electronic form to a member of the Executive Council for consideration. Upon acceptance of the advertisement, the advertiser shall make the required payment which is required before the advertisement can be placed in the newsletter or the communication.

Feedback

We have had many encouraging comments from our members...

Anil Verma comments:

"I am delighted to get the Newsletter, and would like to congratulate you on its professional production and content!"

Bhav Datt comments:

"The newsletter looks very good, the best so far! Very well done."

Help required

For editing a video file on IITs that was broadcast twice on CNBC network in USA



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Connecting IITians Downunder

IIT Alumni Canada
NORTH AMERICAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE
June 24-25, 2006
Mississauga (near Toronto), Canada

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS – CREATING VALUES BEYOND BORDERS

Submission Deadline: May 5, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT THE IIT ALUMNI CANADA CONFERENCE WEBSITE AT www.iitac2006conference.org

The Indian Institutes of Technology Alumni Canada invites submission of abstracts of papers for presentation on interdisciplinary topics involving innovation, creativity, infrastructure, economics, entrepreneurship, finance, green practices, leadership and management, engineering in Canada etc.

Abstracts addressing the following session themes are solicited:

Engineering for Sustainability - The Energy and Environment	Gen-X and Gen-Y – Mobile beyond borders
Knowledge and training as a means to careers (from physicists to engineers)	Engineering for Humanitarian Uplifting
Engineering and Entrepreneurship	Beyond Borders - The Global Business Environment
Women in a Knowledge-based Economy	The Indian Diaspora in Canada – the business link to emerging India
Cutting edge Engineering - Beyond the "Present"	The Global Economy - Financial Opportunities
Engineering in Canada	

Please submit the abstract not exceeding 300 words to:

Mitali De – Chair, Program and Publications Committee	S Venkatesh – Vice Chair, Program & Publications Committee
Tel: (519) 884 0710 Ext 3797	Tel: (416) 739 4911
Email: mde@wlu.ca	Email: svenkatesh@rogers.com

Submission policies & procedures:

Submission deadline is May 5, 2006. Decisions on acceptance of abstracts are expected to be completed by May 15, 2006.

Submit an electronic copy in MS Word format as an attachment. Submission must be entirely original, not under concurrent consideration, scheduled for presentation elsewhere, or previously published.

An author will be allowed to make only one presentation.

The abstract shall include - Title, Targeted session theme, Names of author(s), Author(s)' affiliations, Mailing address, Author(s)' e-mail and Contact telephone numbers

Authors will be notified of abstract acceptance, rejection or revision. At least one author of each paper is required to register for the conference and pay the appropriate fee before an accepted abstract will be released for publication or scheduled for presentation during a technical session.

Abstracts will be blind reviewed by three reviewers. Authors must avoid revealing their identity or affiliation within the body of the abstract. The presentation at the conference will include a short power point presentation for a time duration not exceeding 10-15 minutes.

Authors are requested to email their presentations in advance to facilitate the presentations. IITAC will arrange for the PowerPoint Slide Projectors

Registration: The authors must register for the conference for their abstracts to be accepted. Authors are encouraged to take advantage of the early bird price. Registration for the conference will open shortly.










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Executive Committee Members of IITAA

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IIT Campuses

						
Bombay Institute Alumni	Delhi Institute Alumni	Kanpur Institute Alumni	Madras Institute Alumni	Kharagpur Institute Alumni	Roorkee Institute Alumni	Guwahati Institute Alumni

IIT Alumni Associations in other countries

....generating momentum to build a global brand

IIT Alumni Association Singapore Website - www.iit-alumni.org.sg	Canada Website - www.iitalumnicanada.org
Japan Yahoo Group - groups.yahoo.com/group/iitjapan/ Contact - Sanjeev Sinha - SanjeevSinha@SanjeevSinha.Com	India Website - www.paniit2004.org Contact - Pawan vmoksha.com
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